

#### CITY OF HAYWARD AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date <u>07/20/06</u> Agenda Item <u>2</u>

To:

**Planning Commission** 

From:

Tim R. Koonze, Assistant Planner

Subject:

Tentative Parcel Map 9129 / Variance Application No. PL-2006- 0218

Nora Gauthier (Applicant/Owner) - Request to Subdivide a Lot into Two

Single-Family Residential Parcels and for a Variance for Lot Depth

The Project Is Located at 2133 Boca Raton Street in a Single-Family

Residential Zoning District

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Planning Commission deny the tentative parcel map and the variance.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The 10,620 square-foot property is triangular in shape and is relatively flat. The property is located within an established single-family neighborhood of predominately single-story homes. To the north, abutting the rear property line is the PG&E right-of-way that makes up the Eden Greenway. The single-family home and shed are to remain, however the sheds need to be relocated to meet proper setbacks. All trees on the site are to remain.

The owner proposes to create a second parcel that would accommodate an additional single-family home. Parcel 1, for the additional home, would be a 5,620 square-foot triangular shaped lot. Parcel 2, with the existing home, would be a 5,000 square-foot trapezoidal lot; the minimum lot size in the zoning district is 5,000 square feet. The zoning district also requires a minimum lot depth of 80 feet to provide 20-foot front and rear setbacks and an adequate building area.

#### Variance

The owner is requesting a variance to reduce the lot depth to 67.65 feet, at the deepest portion of the lot, and less, as the lot depth decreases as it gets closer to the point of the triangle. At the west end of the proposed building area, the lot would be only 40 feet deep. The triangular shape of the lot and the reduced lot depth would create two concerns: a limited amount of usable open space and a small odd-shaped developable area.

Much of Parcel 1 would be encumbered by required setback areas, including 2,820 square feet for the front yard and 1,462 square feet for the side and rear yards leaving a 1,338-square-foot triangular building area. The proposed dwelling would have a maximum building depth of 28 feet which would narrow to 9.75 feet. The limited building depth and triangular shape would result in creating a building with small rooms and an unusual floor plan.

In order to create a minimally adequate building area, the rear yard would be reduced to 10 feet. The Zoning Ordinance allows the Planning Director to reduce setbacks without a variance when the property is adjacent to a non-buildable public use area, such as the Eden Greenway. However, the modified 10-foot rear yard would not provide for an adequate private yard for Parcel 1. Although a total of 1,100 square-feet is proposed, the 10 foot width and the odd shape would not provide a usable rear yard consistent with those in the neighborhood. According to City records and aerials there are no other properties in the neighborhood that have such rear yards reductions.

Without a subdivision, the zoning district allows two homes to be constructed on one lot when there is already a home on the property and there is a minimum of 5,000 square feet for each unit. However, both homes would have to be sold together. When two homes are constructed on a single parcel, the yards can be shared or manipulated to create larger more usable areas. The creation of the lot lines generates yards which would have limited usability. The 10,620-square-foot lot is of a sufficient size to accommodate two homes.

#### **Building Design**

A proposed house design was provided to show how a house could fit on the lot. The proposed building design is not a part of this application and would be reviewed at a later date. The architectural design of the house would be important as all elevations would be highly visible from the street and parkway.

#### Environmental Review

The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to section 15270 (a), Projects Which are Disapproved.

#### Public Hearing Notice

A meeting was held with City staff, concerned neighbors and the owner on June 1, 2006. Four neighbors attended that meeting expressing concerns that the existing infrastructure is not capable of accommodating another structure and there is insufficient street parking in the neighborhood. There was also concern that the new parcel would not provide enough usable private area for a family. There was a general consensus that subdividing the parcel and trying to fit two two-story homes on the lot would not conform to the surrounding predominantly single-story neighborhood. It was also expressed that the original developer would have constructed a second home on the parcel if the lot was of sufficient size and

shape to accommodate two units.

The neighbors presented a petition signed by 27 concerned citizens against the subdivision of the property. The owner also submitted a petition signed by 14 citizens in favor of the subdivision. It should be noted that 6 people signed both petitions.

On June 11, 2006 staff received an letter from the Southgate Area Homeowners Association stating that the lot was of an inappropriate shape to be subdivided. If the lot was suitable to be further subdivided the original developer would have done so.

#### Conclusion

Staff does not support the lot depth variance request. The narrow depth of Parcel 1, along with the irregular triangular shape of the lot, creates a parcel that does not provide an adequate usable rear yard as typical in the neighborhood. Staff believes that granting this variance would constitute a special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the vicinity.

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Principal Planner

#### Attachments:

- A. Area Map
- B. Findings for Denial
- C. Letter From Southgate Area Homeowners Association
- D. Neighborhood Petition in Support of the Application
- E. Neighborhood Petition Requesting Denial of the Application Tentative Parcel Map 9129



### Area & Zoning Map

PL-2006-0218 VAR

Address:

2133 Boca Raton Street

Applicant:

**Gauthier Nora** 

Owner:

**Gauthier Nora** 

**Zoning Classifications** 

RESIDENTIAL

Medium Density Residential, min. lot size 2500 sqft Single Family Residential, min. lot size 5000 sqft RM

RS

COMMERCIAL

**Neighborhood Commercial** CN



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#### TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 9129 VARIANCE APPLICATION 2006- 0218 NORA GAUTHIER (APPLICANT/OWNER) 2133 BOCA RATON STREET

#### FINDINGS FOR DENIAL

- A. The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15270 (a), Projects Which are Disapproved.
- B. Strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would not deprive such property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity under the same zoning classification in that other properties have not been allowed to have reduced lot depths that create an inadequate usable space for a single-family home.
- C. The variance would constitute a grant of a special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the Single-Family Residential (RS) District in which the property is situated in that other properties have not been granted a similar variance that affects the ability to create a usable private area.

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June 11, 2006

Mr. Tim Koonze City of Hayward Planning Division 777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541

Re: PL-2006-0218 VAR and PL-2006-0219 PM

The Southgate Area Homeowners Association has discussed the proposed subdivision of the parcel at 2133 Boca Raton Street.

Members are not in support of the subdivision. The association believes that the parcel while relatively flat, has a long narrow shape adjacent to the PG&E transmission line is not an appropriate shape to allow for use as two separate lots.

These are all factors that led the original developer to not create an additional home here. If the proposed lot was suitable we are certain that it would have been created during the original subdivision process.

We appreciate your department keeping the association informed of applications in the neighborhood. We are always happy to offer suggestions.

Thank you,

The Southgate Area Homeowners Association Board

Home Owner from Boca Raton are 100% in agreement to see that the piece of property at 2133 & 2137 Boca Raton is developed for two separate owners.

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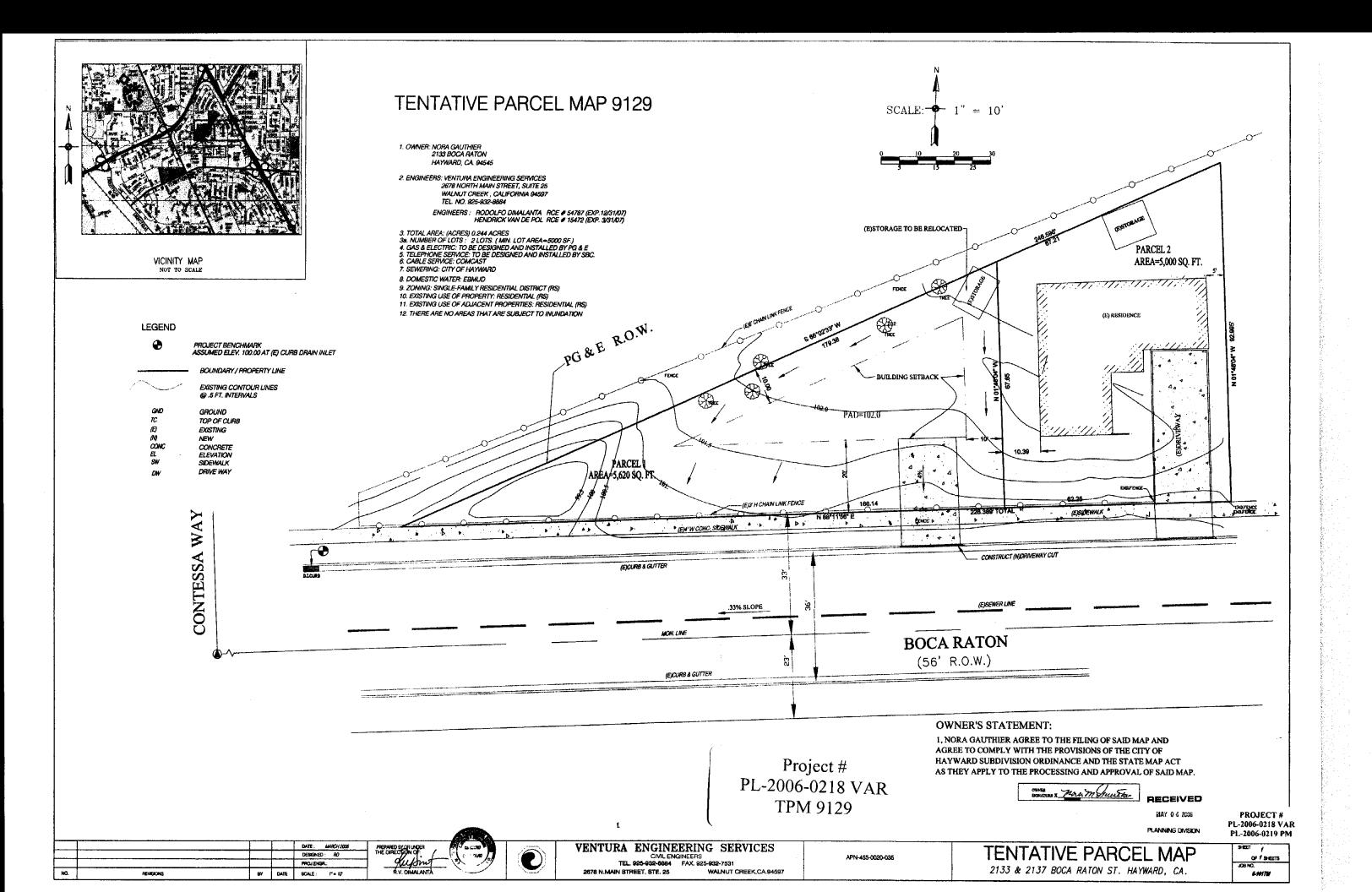
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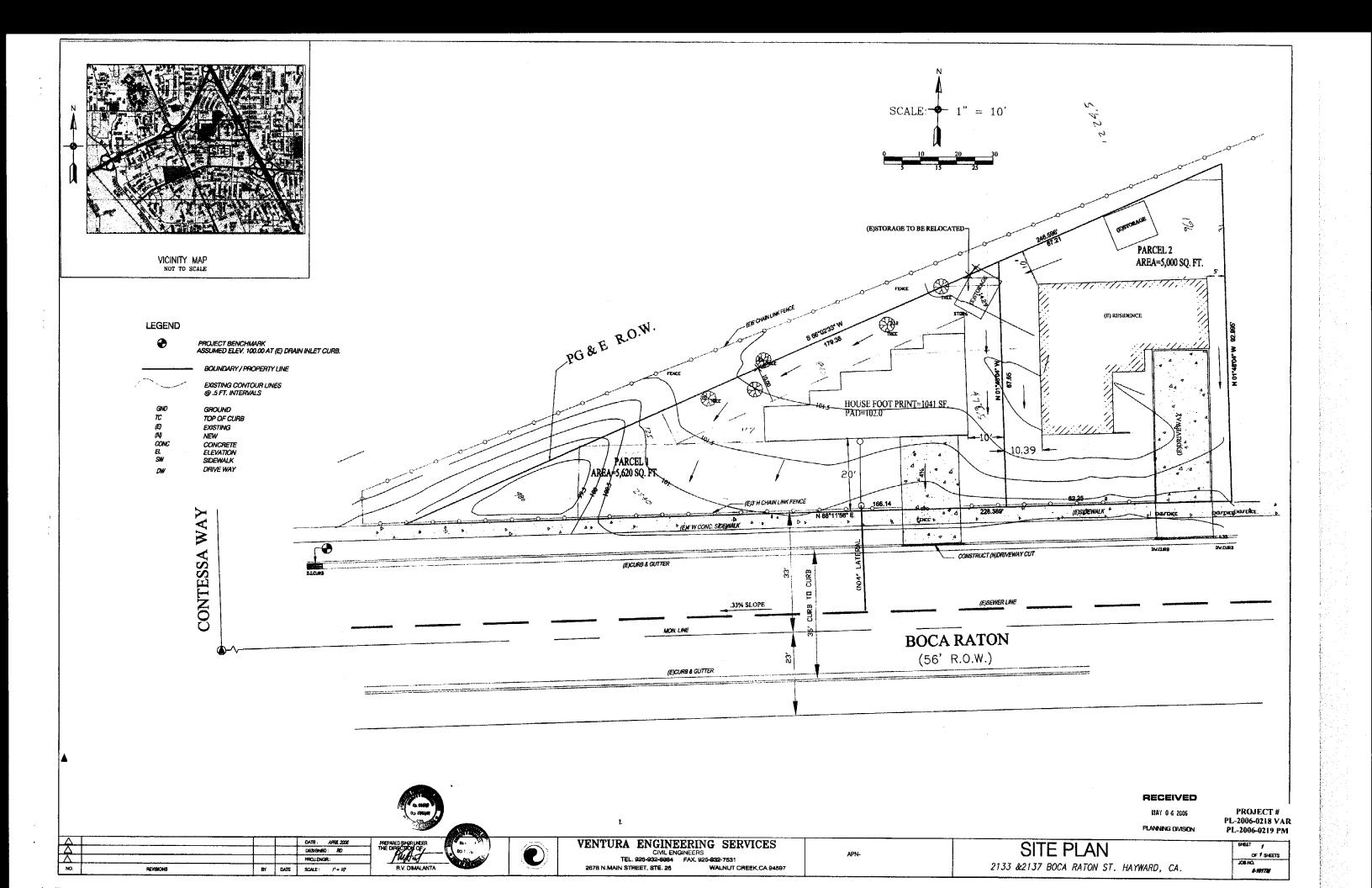
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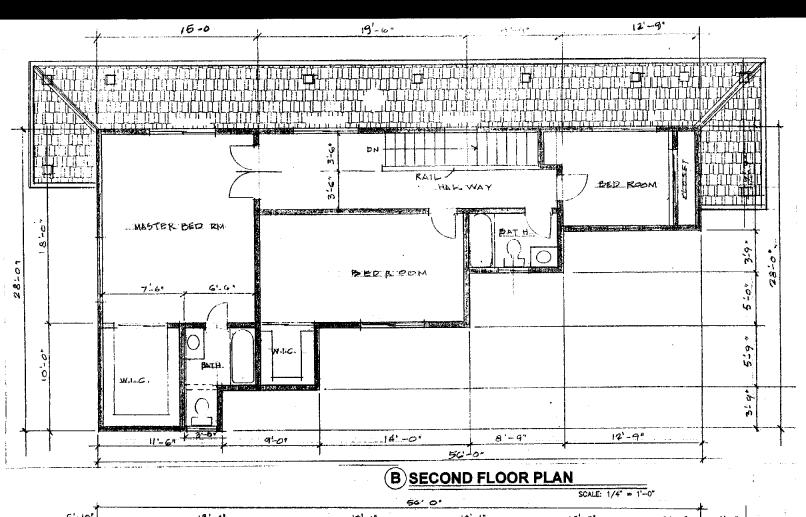
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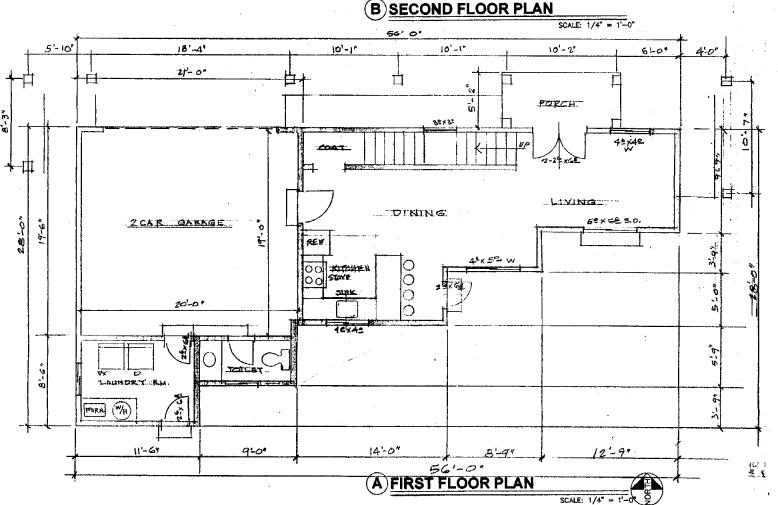
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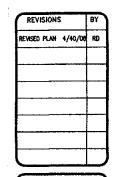






PLANNING CODE DATA ZONE DISTRICT R-5.620 SO.FT. LOT SIZE SETBACKS Allowed Front Side Rear 20 FEET MINIMUM 5 FEET MINIMUM 10 feet MNIMUM MMAXIMUM HEIGHT Allowed TWO STORIES
Not to exceed 30 feet 2 Story Not to exceed 30 feet Additional Main floor level 1,041 Sq. feet (INCLUDING GARAGE) 1,041 Sq. feet Additional Second floor level TOTAL AREA 2,082 Sq. feet BUILDING CODE UBC1998 OCCUPANCY GROUP R-3 Type of Construction VN 7/8" Min, Stucco Exterior Siding Material Roofing Material Composition Shingles





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HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA

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